AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1. (Currently Amended): A laser, comprising:
- a laser cavity having
- a first lasing chamber,
- a second lasing chamber,

trivalent titanium ions dissolved in a liquid host within said <u>first</u> lasing chamber,

<u>trivalent titanium ions dissolved in a liquid host within said second lasing</u> chamber,

a first semiconductor pumping device operatively connected to said <u>first</u> lasing chamber for optically exciting said trivalent titanium ions dissolved in said liquid host within said <u>first</u> lasing chamber, said first semiconductor pumping device comprising at least one semiconductor diode for optically exciting said trivalent titanium ions dissolved in said liquid host within said <u>first</u> lasing chamber,

a second semiconductor pumping device operatively connected to said second lasing chamber for optically exciting said trivalent titanium ions dissolved in said liquid host within said second lasing chamber, said second semiconductor pumping device comprising at least one semiconductor diode for optically exciting said trivalent titanium ions dissolved in said liquid host within said lasing second chamber,

a closed loop circulation system for circulating said trivalent titanium ions dissolved in a liquid host through <u>said first lasing chamber in a first linear</u>

<u>direction into said closed loop circulation system and into said second lasing</u>

<u>chamber and through said second lasing chamber in a second linear direction</u>

into said closed loop circulation system and back into said first lasing chamber, said second linear direction being opposite to said first linear direction, said closed loop circulation system comprising

a first portion for circulating said trivalent titanium ions dissolved in a liquid host into and out of said <u>first</u> lasing chamber in a <u>said</u> first <u>linear</u> direction and

a second portion for circulating said trivalent titanium ions dissolved in a liquid host into and out of said <u>second</u> lasing chamber in a <u>said</u> second direction that is opposite to said first <u>linear</u> direction.

Claim 2. (Cancelled)

Claim 3. (Currently Amended): The laser of claim 1 wherein said first closed loop circulation system for circulating said trivalent titanium ions dissolved in a liquid host includes a pump and a heat exchanger.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended): The laser of claim 1, wherein thermally induced optical phase errors are produced by said a closed loop circulation system for circulating said trivalent titanium ions dissolved in a liquid host and wherein said first portion for circulating said trivalent titanium ions dissolved in a liquid host into and out of said lasing chamber in a first direction and said second portion for circulating said trivalent titanium ions dissolved in a liquid host into and out said lasing chamber in a second direction that is opposite to said first direction provides a system for correcting said thermally induced optical phase errors.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended): The laser system of claim 4, wherein said first <u>portion</u> for circulating said trivalent titanium ions dissolved in a liquid host includes a first flow channel and said second <u>portion</u> for circulating said trivalent titanium ions dissolved in a liquid host includes a second flow channel,



said first flow channel and said second flow channel being of substantially equal length.

Claim 6. (Cancelled)

Claim 7. (Cancelled)

Claim 8. (Cancelled)

Claim 9. (Currently Amended): A laser system, comprising:

an optical cavity having

a first lasing chamber and

a second lasing chamber,

a lasing liquid containing trivalent titanium ions dissolved in a liquid host within said optical cavity first lasing chamber and said second lasing chamber,

a first semiconductor pumping device operatively connected to said optical cavity first lasing chamber for optically exciting said trivalent titanium ions dissolved in a liquid host within said optical cavity first lasing chamber, said first semiconductor pumping device comprising at least one semiconductor diode for optically exciting said trivalent titanium ions in the 800 to 900 nm region,

a second semiconductor pumping device operatively connected to said optical cavity second lasing chamber for optically exciting said trivalent titanium ions dissolved in a liquid host within said optical cavity second lasing chamber, said second semiconductor pumping device comprising at least one semiconductor diode for optically exciting said trivalent titanium ions in the 800 to 900 nm region,

a closed loop circulation system for circulating said trivalent titanium ions dissolved in a liquid host, said closed loop circulation system comprising

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a first portion for circulating said lasing liquid containing trivalent titanium ions dissolved in a liquid host into and out of said optical cavity first lasing chamber in a first direction, and

a second-portion for circulating said lasing liquid containing trivalent titanium ions dissolved in a liquid host into and out of said optical cavity second lasing chamber in a second direction that is opposite to said first direction, said closed loop circulation system including a pump and a heat exchanger.